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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER COMORO ISLANDS IN TANZANIA

1. AHMED ABDALLAH, RECENTLY- ELECTED PRIME MINISTER OF COMORO ISLANDS, TRANSITED DAR ES SALAAM APRIL 3 EN ROUTE TO COMOROS FROM FRANCE. ACCORDING TO SWAHILI- DAILY UHURU ABDALLAH TOLD REPORTERS THAT IF FRANCE REFUSED TO GIVE COMOROS COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, CITIZENS OF COMORO ISLANDS WILL SEEK TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES. HE ADDED THAT DELEGATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES FROM COMOROS WILL LEAVE AT END OF THIS MONTH FOR FRANCE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING INDEPENDENCE.

2. ABDALLAH IS QUOTED AS SAYING: " IN ELECTIONS HELD IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, MANY CITIZENS SHOWED PREFERENCE FOR INDEPENDENCE. BUT FRENCH ARE USING VARIOUS MEANS AT PRESENT TIME TO CONFUSE POSITION OF THESE CITIZENS IN ORDER TO CAUSE DIVISIONS AMONG THEM. WE UNDERSTAND AND OPPOSE THIS STRATEGY".

3. DAILY NATION CORRESPONDENT IN DAR ES SALAAM INTERVIEWED SEC- GEN OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF COMORO ISLANDS, ABDOU BAKARI BOINA, AFTER DEPARTURE OF ABDALLAH. BOINA SAID ABDALLAH HOPES TO SPEED UP INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH FRENCH.

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RM COMMENT: ABDALLAH WAS APPARENTLY NOT SPEAKING IN
SWAHILI AND IT POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT IN PROCESS
TRANSLATION UHURU STAFF FELT EMBOLDENED TO EMBELLISH
HIS REMARKS WITH SOME OF THEIR OWN VIEWS/ HOPES FOR
COMOROS.
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